GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Vegetarian Courses in Hotel Management
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand from vegetarian families with orthodox traditions to make available opportunities for their children in hotel management courses by giving the option of 'Learning Vegetarian only';
(b) if so, details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Indian Heritage Hotel Association (IHHA) and some other groups representing hotels have approached the Government urging it to run vegetarian only degree programmes in some hotel management institutes and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has received a number of online petitions in this regard; and
(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism has received requests and representations from various quarters including Indian Heritage Hotels Association for introduction of 'vegetarian only' optional curriculum in the three years B.Sc. (Hospitality and Hotel Administration) course being run in the Central Institutes of Hotel Management under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tourism.

Introduction of exclusive 'vegetarian only' curriculum in the B.Sc. (Hospitality & Hotel Administration) requires separate infrastructure/ equipment. The option of 'vegetarian only' curriculum in the three years B.Sc. (Hospitality and Hotel Administration) course has been introduced from the academic session 2016-17 in three Central Institutes of Hotel Management, at Ahmedabad, Bhopal and Jaipur. Extension of the course to other Central IHMs would depend on creation of requisite infrastructure.
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